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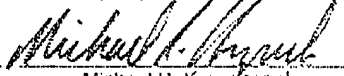
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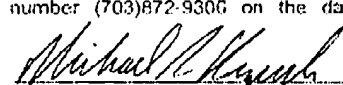
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 20, 2004

Sir:

Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated August 20, 2004 ("the Action") for consideration in the above-referenced case.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**A Response to the Office Action** begins on page 7.